CHAPTER NO. 242

HOUSE BILL NO. 641

By Representative Maddox

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 226

By Senator Person

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33 and Title 68, relative to support services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-216(b)(1), is amended by deleting the second sentence of that subsection and substituting the following language in its place:

Home care organizations authorized to provide only professional support services shall pay an annual fee of eight hundred dollars (\$800), except that this annual fee shall be two hundred dollars (\$200) for (i) home care organizations that also pay a fee to be licensed by the department of mental health and developmental disabilities; (ii) home care organizations owned and operated by therapists who pay a fee to be licensed under Title 63, Chapter 13 or Chapter 17; or (iii) home care organizations that are owned and controlled by another home care organization that pays an annual license fee of at least eight hundred dollars (\$800). This annual fee shall be paid to the department of health.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-2-402(3), is amended by deleting the words "therapy services" and "or direct therapy services" where they appear in that subsection.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 19, 2003

DIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

> JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 3rd day of June 2003

PHIL BREDESEN GOVERNOR